





term "the Governor" shall include every person for the time being administering the government of the Colony.

XIX.—And We do hereby reserve to Our selves Our heirs and successors, full power and authority, from time to time, to revoke, alter, or amend these "Our Letters Patent as to Us or them shall seem need."

XX.—And We do further direct and enjoin that these "Our Letters Patent" shall be read and construed in such place or places within the Colony as the Governor shall direct.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster, the nineteenth day of January, in the fifty-first year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.

MURKIN MACKENZIE.

Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING, 1888.

FIRST DAY, 1st May.

The following particulars of the first day's racing of the Shanghai Spring Meeting are summarized from the Shanghai papers. The first day was visited with most unfavorable weather, which rendered the course very heavy going. Notwithstanding this, however, the attendance was very good, although there were not nearly so many Chinese spectators as usual. Owing to the weather, of course, the times were not up to the average, though one or two of the events produced very creditable records.

The result of the first half mile, for which there was an unusual number of fifteen starters, was unexpected, as it was not really surprising for good as Danday always is at the distance, it was found that having been stopped by tempest only a few days ago at Foochow, and since then made a tedious voyage in a steamer, he would be too fatigued to do anything so soon after landing. But he came to the front, and won the race. Reapor first, Carols second, Whigham third, Silken Mead fourth. The field disappeared under the shade of the bushes in the above order, but when they came into view again Carols was leading slightly from Reapor, and after an easy race down the straight won by a couple of lengths. Passing the stand, Sandpiper was clearly flushed from fifth to third and at the finish took the lead before Whigham, who was fourth, Silken fifth, Biles sixth, but the look afterwards changed, and Mr. Sasseon first place in each of the last four races.

The town band was in attendance under the direction of M. Vela, and played various selections. The necessary arrangements were ably carried out by Messrs. J. M. Binger, W. Howie, A. McLeod, Jno. MacGregor, O. Schuppenhauer, H. E. Hobson, and L. Sutler, Stewards; E. H. Gore-Booth, Clerk of the Course, and Barnes, Dallas, Secretary. Appended are the details of the events:

THE HART LIBRARY CUP; presented by the late Mr. James Hart; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; second pony to have its stakes, "One mile."

Mr. T. D. Brewster's Dunkeld, 1st, lbs. .... (Mr. Hutchings) 1

Mr. Sasseon's Mischief, 1st, lbs. .... (Mr. Dallas) 2

Mr. Duff's Hull, 1st, lbs. (Mr. Hart-Bark) 3

Fifteen started; Honesty favourite. The course was extremely bad, and the trackmarks of each pony were to be seen. The ponies were six inches deep in the mud. The last race was away in close order at the first attempt. Mr. Reapor led, then Biles, then Biles up. A few paces altered the running considerably. Mr. Diavelo overhauled all three at the Monument, with Danday in close attendance. Jno. Hart, however, held his own, and made the running as far as the bushes, but coming up the straight Danday came to the front. A. E. Hobson, the holder of the honour of the course, who was still further ahead of Mead, third, Danday was fourth, Jing fifth, Whigham sixth, Silver Cloud seventh, Ting-pa eighth, Time, 2min. 56sec.

THE RACERS' PLATE; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies (without restriction to height); not otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race; weight, 16st. 12lbs.; entrance, Ths. 5. Once round.

Mr. Sasseon's Salpator, 1st, lbs. .... (Mr. Dallas) 1

Mr. T. D. Hull's, 1st, lbs. (Mr. Howie) 2

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SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY AND THE CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.

Sir John Pope Hennessy writes in the Nineteenth Century:

The Government of the United States and the various Australian Governments object to the immigration of Chinese. In each case, the point is raised by the local Government. Those who admit that the objection to the influx of Chinese into an Anglo-Saxon community is well founded will probably acknowledge that the objection is really stronger in Australia than in the United States. Nevertheless, the United States have succeeded, where the Australian Government have failed. It was announced in New York on the 14th of March that a treaty had been signed with the United States, providing the entry of Chinese labourers into the United States for a period of twenty years has been signed. Whilst this effectual remedy has been secured for the United States, the Australian colonies are still fighting the question with their hands tied.

At the very moment when American diplomacy and succeeded, the Premier of Queensland has issued a circular to the Chinese dealers in which he declares his belief that all Chinese can be cultivated by white, and that the Chinese should be excluded; but the exclusion is to be partial only, an exclusion dependent on the operation of an increased poll tax, the prohibition of naturalisation, and a tax on residence.

In Sydney, Victoria, and New Zealand leading statesmen are proposing remedies somewhat similar to those adopted in the United States, in a half-hearted and half-hearted vein.

For ten years past the Chinese have paid a poll tax, and have continued arriving in Australian ports in larger numbers. Every one knows that they will pay the increased tax, but that their numbers will not diminish.

No foreign nationality is so indifferent to the advantages of naturalisation in a colony generally as the Chinese, and the threat of stopping the naturalisation of Chinese will have no real effect on their immigration.

The partial remedy discussed more warmly than ever in Australia have all been tried and have all failed in the United States. Why should not our self-governing colonies adopt the radical cure that the statesmen of America are now applying? The answer is, they are not allowed to do so. The Australian Parliament is bound by the prohibition of Chinese.

As they went behind the Bushes, St. Gotthard was seen again coming up to the front. Coming up the straight an exciting race followed between Mr. Hart-Bark and St. Gotthard, with Dolores well up. As the race went on, Mr. Hart-Bark and St. Gotthard were still open, but the running as far as the bushes, but coming up the straight Danday came to the front. A. E. Hobson, the holder of the honour of the course, who was still further ahead of Mead, third, Danday was fourth, Jing fifth, Whigham sixth, Silver Cloud seventh, Ting-pa eighth, Time, 2min. 56sec.

THE GURKHA'S PLATE; value, Ths. 250; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; second pony to have its stakes, "One mile."

Mr. John's Snuffbox, 1st, lbs. .... (Mr. Ogles) 1

Mr. T. D. Brewster's Wild Duck, 1st, lbs. .... (Mr. Hutchings) 2

Mr. Sasseon's Bullion, 1st, lbs. .... (Mr. Royall) 3

Betting divided amongst Sasewind, Wild Dash, and Silken Mead. Nine started. Sasewind got away with the lead, Mont Blane next. Wild Dash went off the lead at the first attempt. All Dolores up. A few paces altered the running considerably. Mr. Diavelo overhauled all three at the Monument, with Danday in close attendance. Jno. Hart, however, held his own, and made the running as far as the bushes, but coming up the straight Danday came to the front. A. E. Hobson, the holder of the honour of the course, who was still further ahead of Mead, third, Danday was fourth, Jing fifth, Whigham sixth, Silver Cloud seventh, Ting-pa eighth, Time, 2min. 56sec.

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